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January Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$17.00 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in December 2009, up 10 cents from December 2008. The January 2010 price is expected to remain steady at \$17.00 per cwt.

The expected U.S. milk price for January is \$16.50 per cwt., unchanged from last month, and 50 cents lower than Wisconsin's price. California, Idaho, and Minnesota are the only states to anticipate a drop in prices from December to January. California is predicting the largest decrease of 55 cents per cwt. Wisconsin and Texas are expecting no change, while Michigan, New Mexico, New York, and Pennsylvania are expecting a higher price in January.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block price closed at \$1.5150 per pound on January 29, while barrels were \$1.5050 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.3300 per pound.

For the week ending January 23, 2010, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.4644 per pound and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.4769 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.3854 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for January will be released on February 5.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	December 2008		December 2009		January 2010	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	16.90	3.83	17.00	3.76	17.00	3.74
CA	13.35	3.78	15.55	3.80	15.00	3.81
ID	14.40	3.73	15.40	3.76	15.30	3.73
MI	16.80	3.78	16.60	3.72	17.20	3.72
MN	16.60	3.84	16.90	3.85	16.50	3.82
NM	14.90	3.64	15.60	3.71	16.00	3.73
NY	16.10	3.84	16.70	3.80	17.00	3.79
PA	17.10	3.85	17.90	3.80	18.30	3.80
TX	15.80	3.83	16.80	3.86	16.80	3.83
US	15.50	3.79	16.50	3.79	16.50	3.78
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	16.90	3.83	17.00	3.75	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	16.00	4.02	15.60	3.99	XXX	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers.
Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	358,878	330,792	349,416	-3
Cheddar				
WI	56,136	53,254	55,300	-1
CA	34,141	24,742	30,624	-10
ID	46,540	45,560	43,093	-7
MN	45,041	39,858	42,221	-6
US	283,307	247,942	259,917	-8
Brick & Muenster	9,908	10,659	9,880	n.c.
Cream & Neufchatel	61,534	75,657	59,356	-4
Hispanic	16,812	15,625	17,286	+3
Mozzarella				
WI	70,283	71,092	75,900	+8
CA	95,826	99,221	95,794	n.c.
US	279,973	281,421	290,092	+4
Other Italian types	83,968	81,561	82,971	-1
Total Italian				
WI	103,517	102,539	109,083	+5
CA	104,689	109,548	104,759	n.c.
US	363,941	362,982	373,063	+3
Swiss	26,695	26,586	28,513	+7
All other cheese	25,292	21,308	24,474	-3
Total cheese				
WI	216,915	217,856	221,219	+2
CA	179,920	170,857	175,869	-2
ID	68,698	67,276	67,797	-1
NY	65,287	63,423	59,776	-8
US	863,060	843,609	861,988	n.c.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Wisconsin Cattle Inventory Up 1 percent, U.S. Down 1 Percent

Farmers in Wisconsin had 3.4 million head of cattle and calves on their farms as of January 1, 2010, an increase of 50,000 head from 2009. Wisconsin maintained its ninth place ranking in the nation for inventory of cattle and calves. Milk cow inventory increased 5,000 head to 1.26 million head on January 1. After declining for many years, the state's milk cow inventory has risen each of the last five years. Wisconsin once again ranked second in number of milk cows, behind California. Milk replacement heifers increased to 670,000 head, up 20,000 from one year earlier. Milk replacement heifers are defined as heifers weighing 500 pounds or more (including heifers not yet of breeding age) which are intended for milking in the future.

Wisconsin's beef herd declined as farmers had 260,000 beef cows on hand, down 5,000 head from last year. Beef replacement heifers also declined 5,000 head to 60,000 head. Steers weighing 500 pounds or more totaled 360,000, equal to previous year. Cattle on feed remained steady at 240,000 head. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 700,000 head, up 30,000 from a year earlier.

U.S. inventory of cattle and calves on January 1 totaled 93.7 million head, down 1 percent from last year. Texas led the way with 13.3 million head, followed by Nebraska with 6.25 million head, and Kansas with 6 million head. Beef cow numbers, at 31.4 million head decreased 1 percent from the previous year, and milk cow numbers fell 3 percent to 9.1 million head. The number of heifers, including those for beef and milk cow replacement, was up slightly at 19.7 million head. The number of cattle on feed decreased 2 percent to 13.6 million head.

Cattle and Calves - January 1, Wisconsin and U.S. 1/

Class	Wisconsin		United States	
	2010	Change	2010	Change
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
All cattle and calves	3,400	+1	93,701	-1
All cows	1,520	n.c.	40,456	-1
Beef cows	260	-2	31,376	-1
Milk cows	1,260	n.c.	9,081	-3
Heifers 500 lbs & over				
For beef cow replacement	60	-8	5,436	-2
For milk cow replacement	670	+3	4,516	+2
Other heifers	60	+9	9,714	+1
Steers 500 lbs & over	360	n.c.	16,440	-2
Bulls 500 lbs & over	30	n.c.	2,190	n.c.
Calves under 500 lbs	700	+4	14,949	n.c.
	2009	Change	2009	Change
Calf crop	1,370	+1	35,819	-1

1/Totals may not add due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down

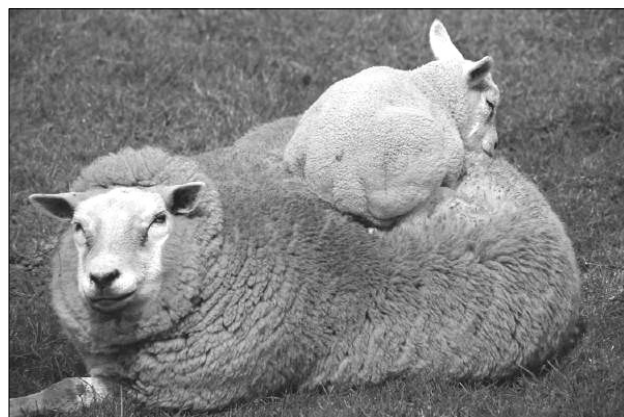
Wisconsin's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2010, totaled 90,000 head, up 6 percent from last year. Total breeding stock decreased 7,000 to 75,000 head. Market sheep and lambs totaled 15,000. The lamb crop for 2009 was 75,000, up 7 percent from 2008.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 5.63 million head, 2 percent lower than in 2009. Breeding inventory was 4.19 million head, and market sheep and lambs totaled 1.44 million head, both down from 2009. The 2009 lamb crop was down 1 percent from the previous year and totaled 3.69 million head.

Sheep and Lambs — January 1, Wisconsin and U.S.

Class	Wisconsin			United States		
	2009	2010	Change	2009	2010	Change
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
All sheep & lambs	85	90	+6	5,747	5,630	-2
Market	17	15	-12	1,500	1,440	-4
Breeding sheep & lambs	68	75	+10	4,247	4,190	-1
Replacement lambs- under one year old	11	14	+27	647	655	+1
Ewes-one year old & older	54	57	+6	3,405	3,340	-2
Rams-one year old & older	3	4	+33	196	195	-1

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO



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Wisconsin Leads the Nation in Milk Goats

On January 1, 2010, inventory of milk goats (does, bucks, and kids) in Wisconsin totaled 46,000 head, up 6,000 head from a year ago. Wisconsin continues to lead the nation in milk goat inventory. Wisconsin's meat and other goats totaled 21,000 head, an increase of 3,000 from last year. Statewide, there were 1,000 Angora goats, unchanged from last year.

U.S. all goat inventory on January 1, 2010, totaled 3.04 million head, 1 percent lower than last year. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.53 million head, and market goats were 518,000 head. The 2009 kid crop was 1.94 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2008. Meat goats (and goats other than milk and angora) totaled 2.54 million head, down less than 1 percent from 2009. Milk goats in the U.S. totaled 355,000, 6 percent higher than the previous year.

Nationwide, there were 150,000 Angora goats, down 19 percent. Mohair production during 2009 was 1.02 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 160,500. Average weight per clip was 6.3 pounds. Mohair price averaged \$2.66 per pound, and the total value of production was \$2.69 million.



Wool Production and Value

Wisconsin's wool production in 2009 totaled 470,000 pounds. Weight per fleece averaged 7.3 pounds, up 0.2 pounds from last year. During 2009, 64,000 sheep were shorn. The average price for wool sold in 2009 was 50 cents per pound, up 5 cents from 2008. The value of Wisconsin wool totaled \$235,000.

Nationwide, wool production totaled 30.9 million pounds in 2009, down 2.10 million pounds from 2008. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.20 million head, down 5 percent from 2008. The price paid for wool averaged 79 cents per pound, down 20 cents from 2008. The total value of production was \$24.4 million, a decrease of \$8.10 million from the previous year.

Wool Production

Area and Year	Number of sheep shorn	Weight per fleece	Shorn wool production	Price per pound	Value production
	1,000 hd.	Pounds	1,000 lbs.	Dollars	1,000 dol.
WI					
2007	72	7.1	510	0.40	204
2008	62	7.1	440	0.45	198
2009	64	7.3	470	0.50	235
US					
2007	4,657	7.5	34,723	0.87	30,242
2008	4,434	7.4	32,963	0.99	32,486
2009	4,197	7.4	30,862	0.79	24,387

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Goats and Kids - January 1 Number, by use, Wisconsin, Selected States, and United States, 2008–2010

State	Milk Goats			Angora Goats			Meat and Other Goats		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
Wisconsin	35.0	40.0	46.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	18.0	18.0	21.0
Iowa 1/	22.5	24.5	29.5	-	-	-	32.0	32.5	25.0
Minnesota 1/	11.0	11.5	13.0	-	1.0	1.0	24.0	20.0	22.0
California	36.0	37.0	38.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	89.0	95.0	93.0
Texas	21.0	20.0	20.0	134.0	120.0	95.0	1,030.0	980.0	990.0
United States	323.0	335.0	355.0	205.0	185.0	150.0	2,590.0	2,549.0	2,538.0

1/Angora goat inventories not published, are included in United States total. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for corn, soybeans, and potatoes are expected to decrease from December to January. However, prices for steers and heifers, beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, calves, alfalfa hay, and other hay are expected to increase during the same period. Prices for milk and oats are expected to stay at about the same level as December.

As of mid-January, the average price Wisconsin farmers received for corn was \$3.45 per bushel, one cent below December and 60 cents below January 2009. Nationwide, corn prices also averaged \$3.45 per bushel in mid-January, down 91 cents from January of last year.

Wisconsin soybeans decreased 70 cents per bushel from December, for an average of \$9.40 per bushel in mid-January. This is a 39 cent per bushel decrease from January of last year. U.S. soybeans sold for \$9.49 per bushel in mid-January, down 48 cents from January 2009.

Oat prices in Wisconsin averaged \$2.01 per bushel in mid-January, the same as in December, but down 75 cents from January 2009. Nationally, oat prices were \$2.19 per bushel, down 58 cents from the January 2009 price of \$2.77 per bushel.

As of mid-January, alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$115.00 per ton, up \$5.00 from December. The average price for other hay types, at \$90.00 per ton, was up \$10.00 from December.

Wisconsin steer and heifer prices averaged \$78.00 per hundred-weight (cwt.) in mid-January, \$2.50 above December. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter increased \$3.20 per cwt. from December to \$45.20 in mid-January. Calf prices in mid-January were \$129.00 per cwt., up \$2.00 from December.

At the U.S. level, steer and heifer prices in mid-January were \$1.20 per cwt. above a year ago, at \$87.00. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at an average of \$47.10 per cwt., up \$4.80 from January of last year. Calf prices, at \$109.00 per cwt., were up \$3.00 from January 2009.

Wheat, barley, and hog monthly prices are not published separately for Wisconsin, but nationally, all wheat sold for \$4.79 per bushel in mid-January, a \$1.41 decrease from January 2009.

U.S. winter wheat prices decreased \$1.16 from January of last year, averaging \$4.54 per bushel. Nationwide, barley sold for \$4.38 per bushel, 96 cents below January 2009. Hog prices averaged \$47.30 per cwt., up \$4.50 from a year ago.

Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		Jan. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 15, 2010	Jan. 2009	Jan. 15, 2010
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	1,790.00	-	1,460.00	1,630.00	1,340.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	76.80	75.50	78.00	85.80	87.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	41.00	42.00	45.20	42.30	47.10
Calves	Cwt.	136.00	127.00	129.00	106.00	109.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	13.20	17.00	17.00	13.30	16.50
Corn	Bu.	4.05	3.46	3.45	4.36	3.45
Oats	Bu.	2.76	2.01	2.01	2.77	2.19
Soybeans	Bu.	9.79	10.10	9.40	9.97	9.49
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	11.90	8.80	8.55	9.40	7.19
Fresh	Cwt.	14.50	6.30	-	13.70	5.93
Processing	Cwt.	9.00	11.40	-	6.68	8.07
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	115.00	110.00	115.00	148.00	113.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	80.00	80.00	90.00	110.00	99.60
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	6.20	4.79
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	5.70	4.54
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	5.34	4.38
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	35.00	33.30
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.27	0.30
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	42.80	47.30

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October.

2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Mid-month. Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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